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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 28 through 37 remain in this application. Claims 38 through 43 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 28, 29, and 32 through 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,005,498 to Yang, et al. ("Yang, et al. patent"). Also, claims 30 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Yang, et al. patent.

Claims 28 and 33 provide, *inter alia*, a plurality of keys configured for data entry of a *Romanized* Chinese phonetic alphabet, such as Pinyin. In contrast, the Yang, et al. patent describes a Chinese phonetic alphabet, but does not describe or suggest a Romanized Chinese phonetic alphabet, as required by claims 28 and 33. Therefore, claims 28 and 33 distinguish patentably from the Yang, et al. patent.

Claims 29 through 32 and 34 through 37 depend from and include all limitations of independent claims 28 and 33, respectively. Therefore, claims 29 through 32 and 34 through 37 distinguish patentably from the Yang, et al. patent for the reason stated above for independent claims 28 and 33.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections of claims 28 through 37 are respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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